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Welcome to our Cannabis Field Guide, which is OC Weekly's latest edition of Rolling Paper. If you haven't noticed, a lot has been happening since last January, when the recreational use of marijuana finally became legal for adults in California—more than two decades after the state became the first in the nation to allow the medicinal use of cannabis. For those who remember, the years after voters approved the so-called "Compassionate Use Act," better known as Proposition 215, in November 1996 weren't exactly easy. Activists who took the new law literally were swiftly set up by local cops and prosecutors, and many went to jail and even prison for trying to provide cannabis to sick patients.

Those days are long gone. Now you can walk into any of a dozen or so legal dispensaries in Santa Ana, and 10 minutes later, walk out with whatever kind of cannabis product you desire, anything from high-end boutique flower to custom pre-rolls, vape pens and cartridges, edibles, and more. In the year since recreational marijuana became a reality in California, the industry has boomed, and the array of options is almost mind-bending. There's even a cannabis lounge within driving distance of OC.

To help you navigate this strange new world, our cannabis correspondent, Jefferson VanBilliard, and art director, Michael Ziobrowksi, have assembled this handy Cannabis Field Guide. It tells you what to buy, what to do, where to go, and just as important, where not to go and what not to do. Plus, there's awesome comic artwork by OC Weekly's calendar editor, Aimee Murillo, who happens to be a badass artist.

Enjoy (somewhat) responsibly!

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WELCOME TO ROUTE 420

Cannabis-friendly (and not) in OC, Long Beach, Los Angeles and into the desert

BY JEFFERSON VANBILLIARD

FIRST STOP: ORANGE COUNTY

BLÜM

Our first stop on the 420 highway brings us to Blum, located in the heart of Santa Ana's green zone. It's staff of well-educated "cannaisseurs" are more than happy to lead you down the correct path toward enlightenment, and every single one of them looks beautiful while doing it. We covered Korova's "Russian Trio" line of expertly grown buds in our "Toke of the Week" section earlier this year, and Blum was the only place you could get it in OC. We didn't mind because every trip to one of our favorite spots always yields a treasure trove of frosty flowers. **2911 Tech Center. Dr., Santa Ana CA, 92705.**

BUD & BLOOM

Just a few streets from the 55 and 405 freeways is our next destination, the appropriately titled Bud & Bloom dispensary. After drooling over its impressive selection of flowers, concentrates and CBD products, you'll be in the mood for some of Orange County's best culinary offerings. Lucky for you, Santa Ana's Arts District is close enough to cure even the heaviest cases of the munchies. Some of our favorite dining spots include Lola Gaspar, Vacation and the numerous taco trucks that line the busy streets. If your tour group is having trouble compromising, Fourth Street Market has enough choices to satisfy the pickiest eaters' taste buds without draining your wallet of cash that should be spent on more flowers.
1327 E. Saint Gertrude Place, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

SHOWGROW

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1625 E. Saint Gertrude Place, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

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Make sure you've saved some room in your stash bag before visiting our next dispensary. Mr. Nice Guy is one of our favorite places, and after taking in its gigantic showroom, you'll understand why. Located in the heart of OC, and nestled perfectly between a Wienerschnitzel and a gas station, Mr. Nice Guy carries all the shameful food we love/hate eating. It's open late, its prices are fair, and if you're on vacation, there are hotel accommodations just steps away, so you won't have to worry about ingesting copious amounts of cannabis and finding your way home. Now, if only we could get the city to move toward onsite consumption, we would never have to leave.
730 E. Dyer Rd., Santa Ana, CA 92705.

STOP 2: LA & LONG BEACH

MEDMEN

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8208 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.

ONE LOVE BEACH CLUB

One Love has been one of our go-to destinations for legal cannabis in LBC. Since opening its doors in 2009 the Beach Club has provided the surrounding neighborhoods with safe, legal access for medical-marijuana patients. Now that recreational cannabis has been legalized, One Love has announced it is able to serve anyone 21 and older, which makes it a perfect stop on our green tour. Its arsenal of concentrates from trusted brands such as Moxie, Nug and Oosist will keep the vibes positive while you bask in our famous traffic jams. After you've filled up your shopping bag, make your way to Long Beach's downtown area and check out the aquarium. Just make sure you Febreeze properly before entering; there are impressionable children around.
2767 E. Broadway St., Long Beach, CA 90803.

LONG BEACH GREEN ROOM

Leading the way in the fight for legal cannabis is Long Beach's first licensed dispensary. The Green Room serves as not only a one-stop shop for all things cannabis, but also a home base for political activism. The Green Room was monumental in the fight for Measure MM, which repealed Long Beach's long-standing ban on dispensaries, and every time we find ourselves within view of the *Queen Mary*'s majestic smoke stacks, we feel the urge to blow off a little steam of our own. Lucky for you tourists, the Green Room is always stocked

6447 E. Spring St., Long Beach, CA 90808.

STEP 3: INTO THE DESERT

CATHEDRAL CITY CARE COLLECTIVE

After making your way through the 91 freeway's infamous gridlock, head southeast on the 215 until you see Cathedral City. There, you'll find Cathedral City Care Collective (CCCC), whose waiting room might seem similar to a lot of those other cannabis clubs throughout Southern California, but you couldn't be more wrong. Despite legal cannabis being available for a year in Coachella Valley, tourists in the area have very few places where they can discreetly consume flowers. Thankfully, CCCC is one of the first dispensaries in California to allow onsite consumption. So, that bag of buds you just puchased and the time it takes to light it are the only things standing in your way of experiencing a higher consciousness on your California vacation. When the hunger pains finally come, make your way to one of Palm Springs many eateries nearby to quench your appetite and find a hotel for a few nights. Hot tip: The Ace in Palm Springs is our unofficial favorite spot to burn one poolside while letting their retro soundtrack ease us into the evening.

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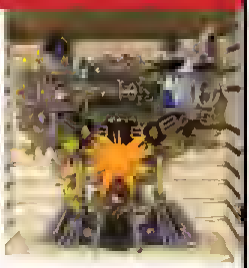

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1 Tram Way, Palm SPrings, CA 92262.

THE GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY

Sitting along the south-facing slope of Mount Hollywood in Griffith Park is Los Angeles' best possible place to spend the day stoned. Visitors to this historic gateway to the cosmos will enjoy panoramic views of the greater Los Angeles area, including its downtown high-rises buildings and the surrounding mountain peaks. The planetarium and the observatory's very own tesla coil pair perfectly with whatever you're smoking-and it's completely free and open every day except Monday until 10p.m. **2800 E. Observatory Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027.**

THOUSAND STEPS BEACH

For the traveler who doesn't mind a bit of a workout, Thousand Steps in Laguna is the beach you need to see during your stay in Southern California. Parking on PCH is tricky, but with a bit of patience and luck, you'll be happy you made the trip. Whoever named this place was obviously a little high themselves because during our last visit, we counted 238 steps, a far cry from what it's name suggests. We like to assume it was an attempt to scare people away from Laguna's best-kept secret, kinda like Iceland. Make sure you pack a lunch, as well as and a bowl for when you finally reach the sand, as you're going to want to stay awhile.
31972 Coast Hwy., Laguna Beach, CA 92651.

VENICE

During your stay in SoCal, make sure you set aside some time for Venice. Famous for its classic beach vibes and tourist-friendly shopping, Venice also has everything you could possibly need for your cannabis-fueled journey along the boardwalk. If you can manage the trip, Santa Monica Pier is a short walk up the coast, and there's plenty of people-watching to do while breaking in your newly purchased piece. If you're feeling brave enough, rent

a board and paddle out into waters that are so warm even sharks travel here for whatever the shark equivalent of a vacation is. **1800 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, CA 90291.**

PLACES TO AVOID

DISNEYLAND

It may seem contradicting considering the mouse has won several OC Weekly awards for being the Best Place to Get Lit in our annual Best Of issue, but Disneyland and its surrounding area is not 420-friendly. We dare you to take one look at Mr. Toad's Wild Ride and not assume every animal is on something and nobody in their right mind can finish the infamous turkey leg available at food carts throughout the park without first smoking enough cannabis to make Willie Nelson blush. Alas, consuming cannabis within The Magical Kingdom will land you a quick trip to Mickey's prison, which we've heard is basically like regular prison except they play "It's a Small World" 24/7.

SOUTH COUNTY

Besides the beach and a few hiking trails, South OC is basically a string of strip malls and women who would like to speak to the manager. Instead of navigating through streets that all look identical and dodging bored police officers ready to harsh your mellow, spend some time in the parts of Orange County that don't look like the cover of an Irvine Co. brochure. Besides, with almost zero dispensaries south of the 55 freeway, there's no reason to waste your time—or gas.

HUNTINGTON BEACH

For being the self-proclaimed "Surf City," HB is doing all it can to resist the green wave. We've written about the now-infamous Rise Above Movement that dissolved into chaos during a pro-Trump march near the beach, and its mayor has yet to allow the sale of legal cannabis within city limits. Skip this city altogether and spend your day exploring Venice Beach's hippy highway that runs along its beachside boardwalk.

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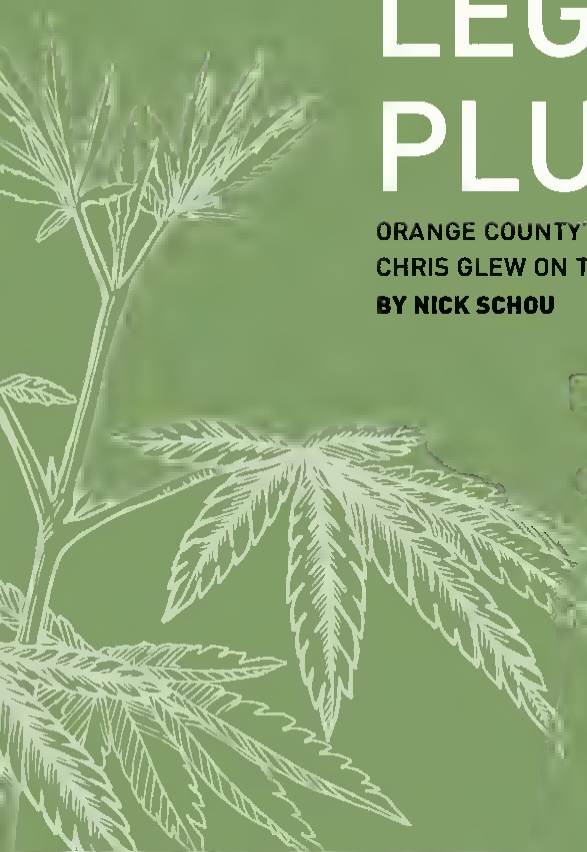
ORANGE COUNTY'S TOP CANNABIS ATTORNEY AND EXPERT CHRIS GLEW ON THE STATE OF LEGALIZATION IN 2019

BY NICK SCHOU



OC WEEKLY: It's been a year since recreational marijuana became legal for adults in California. What are the biggest changes that have unfolded in the industry in the past 12 months?

CHRIS GLEW: Has it been 12 months already? It has been a crazy ride on so many levels. From a local, state and federal perspective, the past year has been very dynamic. Local liberalization and expansion have been the most effected over the past 12 months. The key component is a large expansion of cities coming online with new licensing opportunities. In Santa Ana in the past year, we have expanded from 20 licensed retail shops to 30 licensed retail and unlimited distribution, manufacturing, cultivation and testing facilities.

One year ago, Santa Ana cannabis operators had to perform all of their cultivation, manufacturing and distribution outside the city. Now, there is vertical integration licensing for all 30 retailers in the city. This new model is allowing for larger scaling and investment options. Santa Ana saw approximately $5 million in revenue for the city coffers

from 19 retail shops last year with that number expected to at least double if not triple once these new licenses are operational Long Beach has also, finally, come online this past year

Long Beach is another example of a vertically integrated city that has a very large number of licensed facilities A vast majority of the Long Beach licensees are approaching the final stages of their build-outs, and that will further expand the 2019 footprint There are too many cities to list that have come online in the past 12 months, but some of the other golden gems are Culver City, Pasadena, Chula Vista, Riverside County, Lake Elsinore, Mountain View and Moreno Valley, to name a few This radical expansion has caused large investment from all over the globe as the California marketplace is ripe for large-scale commercial expansion

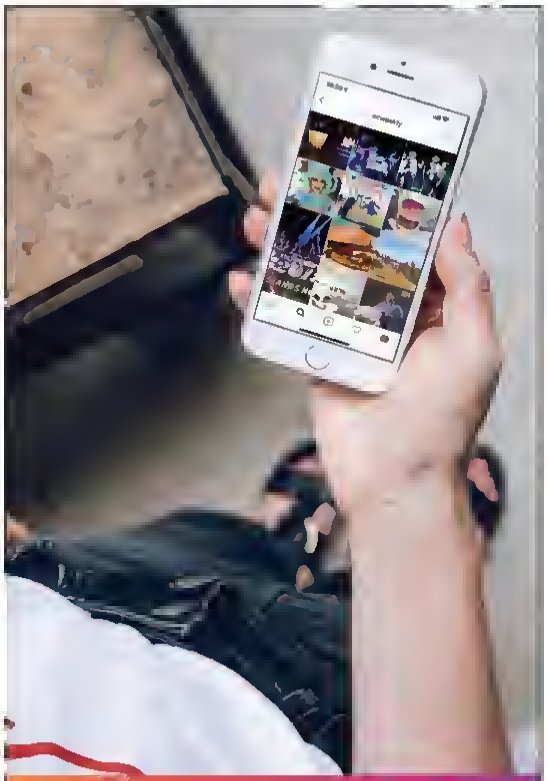
The state has been very busy as well The Bureau of Cannabis Control (retail, testing and distribution), CDFA Cal Cannabis (cultivation) and CDPH Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch (manufacturing) are all actively implementing the regulatory framework set

up by the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA). This roll-out has resulted in the closure of numerous rogue shops, advances in the seed-to-sale tracking, public accountability, consumer-safety enhancements and lots of new adaptations to the regulatory framework itself. The state's continued efforts to shut down the illegal shops is a major step toward allowing the licensed facilities to reach their full potential. The state also rolled out its enhanced testing protocols. The final stage, category 3, is now in effect and provides the consumer with a consistent, safe cannabis experience. The state has now issued the last of the temporary cannabis licenses, and all new licensees will have to apply for an annual license.

The federal piece of the puzzle is more complex, to be certain. As local and state governments work to roll out expansion, the federal government has remained firmly entrenched in a draconian mind-set. However, many things happened in 2018 that set the table for a more states' rights and liberal policy-minded 2019. Numerous congressman have been working diligently toward a much-needed banking solution for the cannabis sector. Once cannabis providers are given a merchant account solution, the industry will really take off.

Jeff Sessions' departure was seen as a set-up for a declassification push, and momentum remains. But the real positive news is that the other Sessions, Pete Sessions the congressman, is out. The man that many cannabis supporters have described as the leading prohibitionist in congress, Pete Sessions obstructed 30-plus-cannabis-related bills during his tenure. His departure in 2018 should be just the catalyst needed to spark cannabis-friendly congressional reforms in 2019. Major hurdles still exist at the federal level, such as the ultra-discriminating 280E tax code, but 2019 looks promising.

OCW: Given that cannabis dispensaries remain outlawed in many cities, how do consumers access recreational marijuana in those areas? And what remains of the medical-marijuana system that used to exist before recreational marijuana? How does California's new regulations mea-



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sure up to what has been accomplished in other states?

GLEW: Even with the expansion of licensed retail shops and non-storefront deliveries, the vast majority of Californians reside in jurisdictions without licensed cannabis facilities. Most of these consumers are still relying on the ubiquitous unlicensed (rogue) shops. While enforcement has been steadily climbing, there are still plenty of rogue facilities for a cannabis consumer to choose from. For those consumers who are amenable to the delivery option, there are both licensed and unlicensed deliveries that service the entire state. The licensed delivery providers gained a lot of traction in 2018 and are set to post record numbers in 2019 as they seek to surpass the rogue delivery providers. Cannabis consumers outside the accessible radius of licensed retail facilities will have even more qualified, insured, live scanned, licensed providers to choose from in 2019.

The Bureau of Cannabis Control announced on Jan. 9, 2018, that Section 11362.775 of the California Health and Safety Code would no longer be in effect. This announcement was a declaration of termination for the collective/cooperative medical-marijuana models that were the hallmark of the California cannabis landscape for the past 20 years. MAUCRSA provided this sunset provision applicable to patients and caregivers that were in full compliance with state and local laws. So the Compassionate Use Act/Medical Marijuana Program, Health and Safety code sections 11362.5, 11362.765, 11362.775, 11362.7 and a litany of California case law remained in effect for the past year. However, as of Jan. 9, 2019, the old model is officially gone and is no longer the affirmative defense to state charges. Now, a cannabis retailer, manufacturer, distributor or cultivator must show full licensed compliance with all state regulatory mandates.

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VAPES ON A PLANE

BY JEFFERSON VANBILLIARD

About a month ago, I received an email from Delta Airlines informing me of my flight details to Oahu, Hawaii. Turns out my sister and mother had planned a trip for the three of us to celebrate our collective birthdays, and all I had to do was show up, stay somewhat sober, and use my time to explore whatever local (ahem) flora and fauna the island had to offer. I should have known from my history of everything going wrong 100 percent of the time that this trip had too many opportunities for all hell to break loose. Yet I ignored my instincts and decided to embrace the famous Hawaiian phrase I learned as a child: "Hakuna matata," which basically means "Chill out, white boy."

After a marathon binge-watching session of all my favorite sitcoms that had a famous "Hawaiian episode," I knew I was ready to shed my haole clothes and embrace my true self, which it turns out is a lot less Kelly Slater and more Greg Brady getting pitched off a baby wave, but we will get to that later. As the day neared, I'd spent countless hours trying to figure out how to stow away enough of that sweet sticky weed I've grown accustomed to on the mainland. After ruling out the possibility of hiding it deep inside my no-no area, it became more and more obvious the only thing that made sense was to become someone I never thought I'd have to be: a vape guy.

See, it's not that I have a problem with people who vape, it's just that I hate you, and you should get high like our fathers did before us. But with the only other possible solution involving a deep anal cleansing, I knew what had to be done. So I took a deep breath and packed all of my favorite shoes into a duffel bag and tucked away as many vape pens as my smelly Adidas trainers could fit, figuring no one getting paid minimum wage would risk checking the blue-eyed boy's sneaker bag. As it turns out, I was right.

Plane rides always suck. I've read people's stories of being upgraded for free or finding their seat and realizing they have a whole row to themselves, and let me tell you, they're full of shit. My experience with any airline has been the equivalent of a bully shoving me down in the dirt and taking every part of my lunch except for the sandwich bag full of warm grapes. "Oh, wow, you mean I not only get a seat between two linebackers, but also the guy in front of me is eating egg salad? Perfect! Thank you!" I spent four hours watching that man's

body slowly reject his life choices as we soared gracefully over the Pacific. I daydreamed of beaches full of naked women and never-ending beers. . . . Soon, Jefferson, soon.

I'm not sure if it was the tropical air or the fact that I was finally in my element, but the second the plane landed and I was away from any police officers, I got higher than Elon Musk during a podcast. Which was going great until we got to our hotel. After a quick survey of our accommodations, the woman who was once my beautiful sister was gone, only to be replaced by a creature that had the temperament of a swarm of Africanized bees. From that point forward, the rest of my time spent with her was akin to walking through a field of land mines. Each false step didn't bring the comfort of my lower body being ripped to shreds, but rather I would get yelled at. I decided then that based on the amount of cannabis I had already consumed, plus the fact that we had only been there for three hours, I would definitely need to find some of Hawaii's strongest flowers before something bad happened or, worse, I somehow got sober.

It was dinner time on our first night, and my stomach was making noises usually only heard while watching a documentary on whales. Since my mother was basically Switzerland at this point, torn between two warring countries, and the swarm of bees that used to be my sister was busy pouting, I was given the green light to choose our culinary destination. After a quick search of only the finest Michelin-rated eateries, I selected the quaint yet somehow always damp hideout known as The Harbor Pub & Grill. My stoney eyes tried to make out the menu in the restaurant's dim lighting once we sat down, but honestly, I wasn't really paying attention. My mind had already forgotten what food was as I gazed past the bee swarm and locked eyes with the most beautiful woman my stupid face had ever seen.

I'm sure you all know what happened next, and to answer your question, our wedding is this August. But seriously, I totally chickened out and left after an hour of us playing that weird game in which you pretend you aren't looking at each other. Defeated, half-stoned and a few pounds heavier thanks to the sudden influx of greasy tourist food, I made my way back to my hotel room, where I did my best to quell the steady hum from those goddamn bees while I smoked and thought about my future wife.

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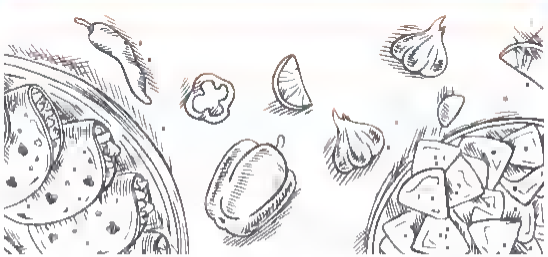

Finding cannabis while on vacation can be tricky, expensive and even somewhat dangerous. Even if you do manage to score a gram of flowers, there's little chance they come close to our California buds. But the key to survival has always been in one's ability to adapt to their changing environment. Case in point: Technology has made it really easy to find just about anything so long as you know where to look. Since the Hawaiian authorities are probably too busy sipping coladas out of coconuts to track me down, I'll give you my personal secrets. A quick search for the hashtag #Pakalolo (Hawaiian for cannabis) will bring up thousands of photos, some legal and some not. Looking through those photos will probably get you to one of several hundred individuals won't mind if you slide into their DMs for some herb. Once you agree on a meeting place, all you have to do is make sure you have enough cash and a good pair of shoes in case you need to make a quick getaway. Luckily, I didn't need to be a track star that day, and the $45 I spent on a perfectly manicured 1/8th was money well spent.

Growing cannabis outdoors in Hawaii's tropical climate yields dense, aromatic buds almost year-round. Which is ideal for growers because residents on the "Big Island" pay almost triple for electricity compared to Californians. The amazing thing is that despite lower profit margins and, ultimately, a higher risk factor, most of the cannabis I encountered on my trip was comparably priced to what I've found in legal dispensaries back home.

The next few days were a blur of smoking and going to waterfalls, smoking on a paddle board, and smoking while my travel companions shopped for Hawaiian-themed Christmas ornaments and bickered over meals. I woke up on the third morning and checked my faithful stash to ease the pain that anyone in their 30s knows all too well after a night spent drinking every colorful cocktail imaginable and realized that I would have to hit the "salad bar" for some more greens. Unfortunately, my Instagram method was offering little help, and I was starting to feel the "island fever" that everyone had warned me about. After wandering around the busy boulevard near my hotel and finding no solution, I met a wonderful angel named Benny. Benny was from Chicago, and he was in Oahu selling flat irons to unsus-

pecting tourists. Once we established our mutual respect for Lady Jane, I followed him to his loft in the heart of Oahu's downtown area and proceeded to smoke well into the warm afternoon.

When the sun finally set, my hangover had been reduced to a whimper. Benny's cannabis had cured me of my island woes, and it was time to head out in search of more drinks with fancy garnishes. I didn't think that night would be any different from the others, but as my blurry vision adjusted to the bar lights and I made my way to the restroom, I was stopped dead in my tracks. It was her: the woman of my dreams from the pub on my first night, and she was sitting by herself. My life suddenly felt like an expertly crafted love story from a movie starring Hugh Grant, only this time I was too stoned to form a proper sentence. The euphoric high from earlier was gone, and in its place was a large lump of self-doubt in the pit of my stomach as I approached her with the smoothest line my cannabis-impaired mind could muster.

"Hi."

For centuries, man has tried to figure out the science behind attraction, but the honest answer is that it just happens. I don't know if it was the island's influence, the copious amounts of weed, or the tiki gods taking pity on me, but I spent the rest of my time following that leggy blonde bombshell all over the island. After loading my bags into the Uber and making our way to the awaiting plane that would take me home, my heart felt full. Hawaii had adopted me as it's own and my sister had finally reverted back to her original human form. Now all I needed was some In-N-Out and a nap. Mahalo, Hawaii, you treated me well.

Editor's Note: Jefferson and Nicolette (the leggy blonde) have plans to meet in New Orleans as well as Austin in the coming months. Stay tuned for scene reports on both cities, as well as a steamy, in-depth story involving the first time they held hands while taking a dab. Happy smoking, everyone!

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I HAD THIS REGULAR THAT WOULD COME INTO MY BAR SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK.
HE WAS NICE ENOUGH, BUT ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT THE PARTIES HE THREW AT HIS HOUSE, BOAT, ETC.
HE WOULD BRAG ABOUT HIS MONEY AND ALL THE HOT WOMEN THAT WOULD COME AND PARTY WITH HIM.
ANYWAY, HE TELLS ME HE'S GOT THIS SHINDIG COMING UP AND HE WANTS MY SIGNATURE DRINKS.
I WAS PRETTY BROKE AT THE TIME, SO MONEY WAS THE ONLY MOTIVATION I HAD
I'LL PAY YOU MORE THAN YOU MAKE AT THIS BAR!
OKAY, I'LL DO IT FOR $800 FOR THE NIGHT.
DEAL!
THE DAY FINALLY COMES...
I GET TO HIS HOUSE AND IT'S NOT SUPER NICE, BUT IT'S IN NEWPORT SO IT CHECKS OUT
I WALK IN AND THE OLD MAN IS WEARING A LEATHER JACKET WITH NO SHIRT AND HIS BLONDE WIG
WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT'S AN '80s PARTY!
HE LOOKS LIKE BILLY IDOL IF THEY FOUND HIM DEAD IN A BATHTUB AFTER SEVERAL DAYS.
I'LL LET YOU GET SET UP, I'VE GOTTA RUN TO THE STORE
HE BRINGS ME INTO A KITCHEN WITH NO BAR AND GIANT HANDLES OF LIQUOR THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO MEASURE WHILE POURING
HEY, WHAT ABOUT MY FEE?
HERE'S $375— THE REST WILL COME FROM THE GUESTS

WHAT THE FUCK, THAT'S NOT WHAT WE AGREED TO..
NOBODY BRINGS CASH TO A HOUSE PARTY!
I'M LEAVING— YOU WASTED MY FRIDAY
DON'T EVER COME BACK TO MY BAR AGAIN.
OH, NO! OKAY, OKAY, I'VE GOT MORE, WAIT A SEC...
HE GIVES ME $100 MORE AND SAYS HIS WIFE WILL HAVE THE REST — WTF? DUDE HAD A WIFE THIS WHOLE TIME?
...
'90'S ERA MADONNA COSTUME
THIS STILL ISN'T MY FULL FEE, MAN
HEY, I'LL GET YOU THE REST, I PROMISE BUT CAN YOU GET US SOME PARTY FAVORS?
SINCE IT'S NEWPORT, I OBVIOUSLY HAVE A CONNECTION TO COCAINE
HEY MAN, YOU IN?
I MAKE THE CALL AND HIS DRUGS SHOW UP
PEOPLE START ARRIVING. I DRINK A 215 MG CANNABIS DRINK TO COPE WITH HOW DUMB EVERYONE AT THE PARTY IS.
THEY'RE ASKING ME FOR DRINKS I CAN'T MAKE BECAUSE I'M STANDIN IN A GODDAMN KITCHEN
IT WAS THE DUMBEST PARTY EVER— PEOPLE WERE DANCING TO KC AND THE SUNSHINE BAND LIKE THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE '80S WERE
EAZY-E
'90s MICHAEL JACKSON
HIPPIE
GORILLA??
I GO OUTSIDE TO SMOKE A JOINT AND GET SUPER HIGH
BACK INSIDE, PEOPLE ARE MAKING OUT WITH EACH OTHER
CENSORED
OH YES! YES!
AAHHHH AHHH!
THERE'S A BACK ROOM AND PEOPLE ARE DEFINITELY HAVING SEX
I KEEP BEING TOLD I'M CUTE BY THESE INSATIABLE OLD WOMEN TRYING TO GET ME TO DO COKE IN THE BACK
I WAS STARTING TO PANIC
I WENT TO THE BATHROOM AND SPLASHED WATER ON MY FACE.
AND PACKED EVERYTHING UP
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I NEVER FARTEND A PRIVATE EVENT AGAIN
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TINCTURE

LA VIDA VERDE

Chronic pain and body aches were always two things I had a hard time feeling sympathetic toward. Then I turned 30, and now my spine sounds like someone stepping on a bag of potato chips every time I bend over to tie my shoes, and I can't fall asleep without trying every possible pillow arrangement known to man. Because I am basically over the hill and retirement is steadily approaching, it's time for me to start taking care of my estate and making sure I get a full five hours of rest every night because apparently "nap time" isn't a thing anymore. When it's well past the "witching hour" and the only thing on television is commercials for vacuums and phone sex, I reach for a bottle of La Vida Verde's Relax Tincture. The 300-milligram formula is lab-tested and easy to dose, whether on the go or with your favorite beverage. If you are sick of brands adding candy-like flavors to mask the actual taste of the product, then say hello to your new favorite. Each tincture contains natural ingredients that allow the terpenoid profiles to shine and their respective euphoric effects to take hold. For more on La Vida Verde's organic, tasteful products, as well as a list of dispensaries near you that carry them,**visit LaVidaVerde.com.**

INDICA

CHERRY PIE

Some of our readers may be a little too young to remember Warrant's hit song dedicated to the band's favorite woman and/or pastry. But we think they were actually talking about this pungent indica strain and not the blond woman dancing on the car (and ruining the paint job). Cultivated by THC Design and manicured to perfection, each bud is certainly something to marvel at, known for its ability to combat stress and pain. Expect to feel giddy, hungry and ready to listen to the rest of Warrant's hits, which, sadly, can't be saved even with these precious earthy gems. Speaking of '80s music, does anyone know why every factory was full of sparks in dimly lit hallways? If you haven't been to one of MedMen's locations throughout Southern California, then do yourself a favor: Stop in and tell them PotPlus sent you. Happy shopping! **Available at MedMen 2141 S Wright St., Santa Ana, CA 92705.**

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PAX

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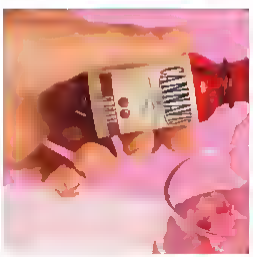

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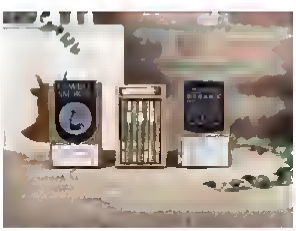

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PUFFCO PEAK

In what can only be described as a game changer, this devices intuitive design, simple features, and easy to clean parts deliver a flavor profile and euphoric effect that rivals anything I've ever experienced. Vaping is one of the easiest ways to medicate while traveling and with the Puffco Peak it's never been easier. Available at dispensaries like Peoples OC and online at Puffco.com, just be prepared, because after using this futuristic vape everything else feels a bit lame in comparison. **Puffco.com.**

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